

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**Obvious Type Double-Patenting**

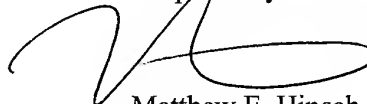
Claims 89, 90, 94-96, 98, 99 and 106 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,740,324. In order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer. The terminal disclaimer disclaims the terminal portion of the term of a patent granted on the instant application over U.S. Patent No. 6,740,324. Applicants note that the filing of a terminal disclaimer to obviate a rejection based on non-statutory double patenting is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection. *See*, MPEP §804.02. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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